

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

9. (Amended) The method for stabilizing hemoglobin, wherein characterized by adding the stabilizing agent for hemoglobin according to claim 1.

A2 10. (Amended) A composition containing hemoglobin, characterized by incorporating the stabilizing agent according to claim 1.

11. (Amended) A kit which comprises at least one of the stabilizing agent according to claim 1 and hemoglobin.

12. (Amended) Use of sulfur containing compound in stabilizing agent for hemoglobin according to claim 1.